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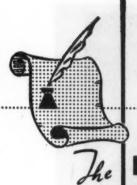
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# The Subtle Side



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of Worldliness

ANY FORMS OF worldliness are so glaring they are easily recognized and identified. But not all. There is a form of worldliness that is so subtle that it is seldom recognized at all.

Worldliness is a conformity to the world in preference to a conformity to the laws of God. It is a spirit, a spirit both universal and ageless. Since modes and fashions and customs change from age to age and generation to generation, what is generally regarded as worldliness today was unknown and unconceived fifty or a hundred years ago. Frequently that which was regarded as worldly a generation ago is accepted in good conscience today, as though time could sanctify that which was once evil.

We must recognize that this makes the entire concept of worldliness shallow and insufficient. These modes and fashions and customs are contemporary manifestations of worldliness. In the next generation the expressions or manifestations may have entirely different forms, ways not dreamed of today, but the spirit of unholy conformity remains the same. For this reason we often miss the point when we emphasize the manifestation of the evil, which is often physical, to the neglect of the cause, which is spiritual. It is similar to a physician who treats the symtoms instead of the disease or a person who tries to destroy a bad smell without removing the rotting matter that causes it.

This is not to say that we should not mention these worldly manifestations. We should and we must. We must go further, however, and try to eliminate the cause, for only then will the effect be actually removed. It is impossible to list or enumerate all the forms worldliness is apt to take; neither can we legislate against or even formally denounce every worldly manifestation or expression point by point.

The Bible itself does not undertake to do so. It is good that it does not, for the things that were appearances of worldliness in the day of Christ are not common today, and the modern manifestations were not known when the Scriptures were written. The seed and root of worldliness never changes, and that is what the Word of God denounces. It is a spirit that resists the Spirit of God and embraces the spirit of the

world. It may take one form today and another tomorrow, so diverse and in such multitude that it is impossible to even keep up with them.

Perhaps it is foolish to try.

Perhaps that is what the devil wants us to do, for then we would be engaged in an impossible chase against flying sparks when we should give attention to the blaze from whence they come. There is one spirit of worldliness but it has manifestations beyond calculation.

Some are glaring, obnoxious, self-evident. It is easy for us to jump on these with such relish that we ignore those that are less conspicuous, but nonetheless damaging and sinful. Worse still, it is easy to spend our time treating symptoms while the disease itself eats our lives away.

When our habits are more harmonious with the spirit of the world than they are with the Spirit of God, then we are worldly. This is immediately recognized when it involves recreation, dress, speech, associations or other physical matters. These can and often do become evil expressions of a worldly spirit. They must be guarded against and their appearance should reveal that there is something wrong in the heart.

But what about our ambitions, our attitudes, our secret delights, or our affections? These inner characteristics can be just as strongly conformed to the world as our outward habits. These inward forms are subtle and destructive. They often hide under a cloak of piety, and the person who has worldly ambitions can in time convince himself that his desire is for the good of the church and the kingdom. The same thing is true about the other spiritual and mental manifes-

tations of a worldly spirit.

Worldliness is a spirit in man, a spirit that conforms to the world in preference to the Spirit of God. It causes some to dress immodestly, others to seek unholy amusement, others to desire prominence, others to covet possessions, others to despise all who disagree with them, and still others to be timid about their Lord. It is all a spirit that conforms to this world and its standards, customs and spirit.

There is only one answer to the problem-consecra-(Continued on page 12)



# Behaving Wisely

By C. B. Donobue

Hixson, Tennessee

Psalm 101:2, 3, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me."

RESTING UPON the shoulder of every bornagain Christian is the grave responsibility of closely guarding his own life and keeping it under subjection through obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ; so much the more those who are fathers or heads of homes.

There is an old adage, "All the wrong that I do is only to my own hurt." That, however, cannot be true because our thoughts and actions mold not only our own lives but also those about us. ("O when wilt thou come unto me?") David knew full well that if he kept these vows to God it could only be motivated from within, out of a perfect heart because the heart is the seat of all principles and the fountain of all actions. "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."

All the passions, appetites and desires of the flesh are a God-given trust and must be regarded accordingly. These are to prompt or urge the creative act and not for our own personal gratification. Overindulgence in any of these becomes the sin of intem-

perance which will break down the law of resistance and lead on into the fields of unlawful pleasures. "Put a knife to thy throat if thou be a man given to appetite." If taking in food to the natural body was just a daily routine void of hunger pangs, we would neglect ourselves. Our strength would diminish and the human family would eventually become extinct. "Labor not to be rich." God demands that we arrive at a happy medium in every phase of life. The sluggard should consider the ant and lay by in store something for a rainy day; but on the other hand, when his barns become full he should consider the rich fool and slow down. It was not until the rich man purposed in his heart that he would pull down his barns and build greater ones that God sent judgment upon him.

The human family could not exist without the sun; yet a sunstroke will kill. Fire and water are essential to human life; however, out of control they can prove very destructive. Money, houses and land are needful; yet God bitterly denounces overindulgence in any of them. David said, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way . . . I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes . . . it shall not cleave to me." The fact remains that we remember eighty percent of that which we see, and only twenty percent of that which

we hear.

Ecclesiastes 7:29, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." Sin unblushingly stalks into many homes today. I hope I am not misunderstood. There is nothing wrong with the window through which fresh air may enter to grace the home, but certainly it should be screened to keep out the insects. In this modernistic push-button age in which we now live, at the twist of a knob wicked things can be set before our eyes—beer, whisky, wine and tobacco advertisements; improperly dressed dancers; Hollywood divorce evil; murder pictures; boxing; wrestling; lustful love scenes, and such like—which are a long way from gracing a Christian home.

The Holy Spirit is symbolized by a dove; a dove is very sensitive and is easily frightened away. It is too late to lock the barn door after the horse has been stolen. It will not be an easy task to legislate right-eousness into the youth after their minds have been warped and twisted through beholding wicked things. In Psalm 119:37, David said, "Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity" (that which is vain, void, emp-

ty, idle or useless).

Some things may not appear to be either good or bad, but those persons who spend much time beholding vanity and little or no time in the closet of prayer may identify themselves with the foolish virgins when Christ returns. Man has a dual personality, and the personality which receives the most nourishment usually dominates. Heart-searching and heart-touching sermons are born in the closet, prepared in the study, preached in the pulpit and received in the pews. The sermon that has only started in the library has not been born. It may reach the pulpit impregnated with much divine truth but striking a nonconductor it drops powerless and dead and the pews receive no current.

We shall ever look back with profound gratitude to God for the revival we closed in Johnson City, Tennessee. After the church had been fasting and praying for two weeks, the break came on Sunday night of the second week. There was no choir singing, no preaching and no offering, just an altar service for about two hours. Thirteen testified to being born again, and seven were filled with the Holy Ghost. Such revivals come only through much sacrifice and much self-denial. It remains to be seen what God would do if the Church would come together in one

united effort for a world-wide revival.

There is a burning in my heart as I write this. The Lord is depending on us to carry this message to the world and hasten His soon coming. Famishing souls today are flocking to Gilead to find no balm; multitudes come to the fountain only to find broken cisterns. 1 Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." He that is unable to discipline his own life is a poor example to teach others the way of righteousness. It is through the Spirit we bring under our body and through constant, habitual communion with God we keep it under subjection. Prayer is the Christian's vital breath.



I have been a member of the Church since 1921. During this period of time it has been my privilege to become acquainted with many ministers whose devotion to the Church was dearer to them than their own lives. The contents of this book bring to my memory many of their experiences in the Lord's work.

—J. D. Hyberger, typesetter



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# A Short History of Open Bible Standard Churches

By R. Bryant Mitchell

PEN BIBLE Standard Churches was originally composed of two separate groups; namely, Bible Standard, Inc., founded in Eugene, Oregon, under the leadership of the Reverend Fred Hornshuh, in 1919, and Open Bible Evangelistic Association, founded in Des Moines, Iowa, under the leadership of the Reverend John R. Richey in 1932.

Because of similarities in structure, purpose, and doctrine, an amalgamation took place on July 26, 1935, under the combined name "Open Bible Standard Churches," with headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. Two hundred ten ministers were in the group. Historical roots of the parent groups reach back to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in 1906 at Azusa Street in Los Angeles, California, and to the great full gospel movement in the Midwest. Both groups were organized under the impetus of Pentecostal revival.

A warm spirit of fellowship seemed to permeate all the activities. The fervor of youth and fire of evangelism swept the annual conventions. Simple faith, freedom from fanaticism, emphasis on evangelism and missions, and free fellowship with other groups were characteristics of the growing organization. Nationally-known leaders from other groups, such as Paul Rader, Ernest Williams, Raymond T. Richey, Dr. Phillip Wittich, and Dr. A. W. Kortkamp were chosen as convention speakers and added their part to the democracy of the fellowship.

The highest governing body is the General Conference which meets annually and is composed of all licensed and ordained ministers and one lay delegate from each church. A thirty-three member General Board of Directors composed of area superintendents from five geographical divisions, national officers, and department heads handles the regular business of the church. The Executive Committee, composed of six officers, superintends the details of administration for the conference with its ten depart-

ments. Individual churches are congregationally governed and locally owned, and are affiliated by a charter with the Open Bible Standard Churches. Two hundred sixty-four churches and 792 ministers are affiliated with the conference.

Official Bible training schools, with a total enrollment of 400, are as follows: Bible Standard College, Eugene, Oregon; California Open Bible Institute, Pasadena, California; Dayton Bible Institute, Dayton, Ohio; Open Bible College, Des Moines, Iowa; St. Petersburg Bible Institute, St. Petersburg, Florida. The Sunday School department is promoting the "Standard of Progress" which has caused a great increase in Sunday School efficiency. The youth group, "United Overcomers International" has raised thousands of dollars for missions and has active groups in foreign missions fields. Inspiration Press and Book Store is now printing and distributing Pentecostal literature for the conference. The Message of the Open Bible is the official magazine.

The Women's World Fellowship with its hundreds of circles is active in missionary and church projects. Mission stations are located in Japan, Liberia, French West Africa, Cuba, Jamaica, and Trinidad, with sixty adult missionaries under appointment. One hundred five nationals are enrolled as theological students in foreign lands. Mission properties total a value of \$257,000.

A newly-established home extension program called "Expansion—America" resulted in the establishment of twenty-nine new congregations in the past conference year. Open Bible Standard churches are now located in twenty-four states with the greatest concentration of churches located in the Central, Midwest, and Pacific coast areas. Thirteen churches are located in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, at the national headquarters.

The General Officers at present are R. Bryant (Continued on page 12)



# RICHARDSON

Brother D. S. Richardson, age 74, died August 29, 1957. He had been a faithful member of the Church of God since 1921. He died in the Mercy Hospital following a lengthy illness. His funeral was conducted at the First Methodist Church of Slaton with the Reverend G. E. An-

Slaton with the Reverend G. E. Anthony, Church of God minister of Lubbock, Texas, officiating, assisted by the Reverend Louis Bowerman, his former pastor.

Interment was in the Englewood Cemetery at Slaton. May God bless and comfort his widow, 2 sons and 2 daughters, 2 sisters, 3 brothers, 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. May his going draw us closer to God. er to God.

-G. E. Anthony, reporter

# WRIGHT

Mrs. H. E. Wright, age 87 years and 4 months, quietly slipped away to be with her Saviour at her home in Crab Orchard, Tennessee, on February 13, 1958. She had been a faithful member of the Church of God for 40 years. She entertained such former ministers as F. J. Lee, G. T. Brouayer and E. J. Boehmer, and many, many more old soldiers who have also slipped away. She was a true devouted Christian, kind and loving neighbor. Her friends called her "Grannie."

She has gone to receive her re-ward and as Paul said, "We sorrow not as those who have no hope." She was crippled and almost blind

sne was crippied and almost bilm for over 5 years. On her death bed she prayed and spoke in tongues. She leaves 2 daughters, Mrs. W. L. Thompson, and Mrs. Fred Silvers; 3 sons, Dillard, Lee and Stanley Wright.

Her funeral was conducted at the Church of God with the pastor, the Reverend J. N. Allison, officiating. Our loss is heaven's gain.

-J. N. Allison, pastor

Martha Lebo Roper, a charter member of the Church of God in Carriers Mills, Illinois, passed away March 20, 1958. She would have been 89 years old on her birthday. She will be greatly missed by her many relatives and in the church fellowship. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Olen A. Greathouse.

-Olen A. Greathouse, pastor

### GARRISON

Mrs. B. L. Garrison, wife of the Reverend B. L. Garrison, passed away March 12, 1958. She was one of our beloved members of the Reeds Chapel, Tennessee, Church of God. She had been a faithful member and we miss her very much, for she was loved by everyone.

—Cleta Reed. clerk -Cleta Reed, clerk

## GRISSOM

Mary Alice Grissom was born September 8, 1874, and departed this life March 28, 1958, after a short illness. She was 83 years of age. She had been a member of the Church of God at Oak Grove in Mississippi for almost 40 years. She was faithful to attend church and Sunday School as long as she had the opportunity. She will be had the opportunity. She will be missed greatly by her relatives as well as her many friends and neighbors.

We know our loss is heaven's gain, and we weep not as those who have no hope.

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The funeral was conducted in the Oak Grove Church of God with Brother Hulon Evans officiating, assisted by Brother Gamble. The body was laid to rest in the Mt. Zion Cemetery to await the resurrection, when we shall be caught up together with Him to meet the up together with Him to meet the Lord in the air.

-Mrs. Flora Grissom. daughter-in-law

### SUGGS

Mrs. Nollie M. Suggs passed away on January 22. She was 78. The Church of God at Branford, Florida, mourns her passing. She has been a faithful member of this church for the past 25 years and is greatly loved by all. In death, as in life, she was a blessing. Her gentle passing into the next world brings to mind the prayer of Balaam in Numbers 23:10, "Let me

die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" -Mrs. W. G. Odom, reporter

## HALL

Mrs. Kathleen Hall, 75, passed away January 25, 1958. Sister Hall was a minister in the Church of God and a long-time member of the Church in Branford, Florida. She is greatly missed by her friends and family.

—Mrs. W. G. Odom, reporter

# MADDEN

On the morning of April 17, 1958, after three weeks of serious illness, the Reverend A. G. Madden departed this life to be with the One he had loved and preached

about for 22 years.
Brother Madden was loved and Brother Madden was loved and respected by all who knew him. His life was truly dedicated to God and His Church. At the time of his death he was only 44 years of age, and one half of that time he had spent preaching the Word. He had spent preaching the Word. He had pastored churches in Switzer, Vaucluse, Great Falls, Whitmire and for the past 3½ years, Cheraw, South Carolina.

South Carolina has lost a great South Carolina has lost a great soldier of the Cross, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. We know that the influence of Brother Madden's godly life and ministry will live on. His last words to his faithful wife who stood by him to the end were, "The time of my departure is at hand." Then the Spirit spoke through him as if to say, "Welcome home . . . good and faithful servant!"

Funeral services were conducted

Funeral services were conducted Funeral services were conducted at Cheraw, and at Great Falls, South Carolina. Both churches were filled to capacity. It was estimated that 30 or more ministers attended each service. The Reverend H. B. Ramsey, Overseer of South Carolina, officiated, assisted by the Reverend J. R. Kitchens, and the Reverend J. C. Green. The music was by the Reverend and Mrs. T. W. Day and Mrs. H. B. Ramsey. Ramsey.

Sister Madden and the children, Tommy, Ruth and David will miss him greatly, but their loss is heaven's gain. He fought a good fight and kept the faith, and now God has called him home to wear the crown for which he labored so long.

—Mrs. J. R. Kitchens, reporter

# BENNETT

Mrs. Dora Bennett passed away February 17, 1958, after a long illness. She was a member of the Church of God.

—M. C. Bennett, reporter

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NEW CHURCH AT STATESBORO



The wheels of progress are turning at the Statesboro, Georgia, ing at the Statesboro, Georgia, Church of God. By the help of God and under the able leadership of our pastor, the Reverend W. K. Livingston, and with the assistance of our clerk, Brother Fred Gerrald, and all of the fathful laymen, we have a new church building.

When Brother Livingston came to Statesboro about two years ago, we had a small block building. Our new church is valued at \$50,000, and the remaining indebtedness is only \$7,000.

We are planning to build a new brick parsonage by the church in the near future. Our Sunday School has tripled, the Y.P.E. doubled, and every department of the church is moving forward. We are having wonderful services. Thank God, we are able to say, "Like a mighty

army the Church of God moves forward."

Shelby Jean Mixon, reporter W. K. Livingston, pastor

Note: This beautiful church pictured above was dedicated on Sunday, October 13. It is a very lovely building, indeed. The church and pastor are to be commended for this fine work for the Lord.

# **Sunday School Attendance** Record Broken

FAYETTEVILLE, Ala.—We are having the most wonderful services, with the best fellowship we have ever had. Our Sunday School attendance record was broken twice in March. The old record was 142. On March 30 we had 160 in attendance.

We have bondexed the outside of the church building, put down beautiful hardwood floors, and installed modern light fixtures. This

is all paid for.

The Reverend E. L. Ivey is pastor. He is really a man of God.

Curtis B. Shaw, reporter

# God Blesses in Convention in Nicaragua

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—I am very happy to inform you that in our Seventh Annual Convention in the country of Nicaragua, we had a great time in the Lord. Fourteen were baptized in water and the missions offering was over \$350 in American money, one woman having given \$75 for the expenses of the convention and \$75 for the missions offering. Twenty received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

—Vessie D. Hargrave

Superintendent of Latin America

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# Kentucky State Ministers' **Prayer Conference Now History**

The Kentucky Ministers' Prayer Conference is now history, but by no means is it forgotten. Great felno means is it forgotten. Great tel-lowship prevailed and our lives were enriched by the blessings of God that were given to us as we met to-gether in the Somerset Church of God. We enjoyed a great welcome and many felt that they had re-turned to memories which will never be forgotten, since Somerset is where our first state campground was located.

Many of our ministers and lay members from all parts of Kentucky met for the two o'clock service on met for the two o'clock service on February 25, 1958, and with eager ears and receptive hearts, they now sat to enjoy the program of won-derful things as outlined by our faithful overseer, the Reverend T. A. Perkins. All were inspired as they were greeted with his big smile as he took his place as moderator as he took his place as moderator

of the Prayer Conference; this meant so much to us in every respect.

The highlight of the first service was a wonderful sermon from our neighboring minister, the Reverend Garland Griffis of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. His message on "The Fervent Prayer That Availeth Much" and the way this fine minister graced the pulpit in such an humble manner will never be forgotten. Our need for prayer was shown to us, and in a stricken world of sin, certainly a more timely message could not have been delivered. God directed each minister and each sooke in line with the Prayer The highlight of the first service

God directed each minister and each spoke in line with the Prayer Conference theme, "Reaching the Lost." Such a theme made us feel like Jesus Christ our Lord, when He said in Mark 1:38, "And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth."

Brother Wm. E. Holcombe, our

State Sunday School and Youth State Sunday School and Youth Director, gave to us another outstanding message, as he made the youth of our Church realize their place in the world today. In his energetic manner he warmed our hearts with his message, which acquainted us more fully with God's program for the youth.

The next message was delivered

The next message was delivered by our state overseer, the Reverend T. A. Perkins. His fine message let us know "How God Looks at Man." He explained that man is God's prize creation, and that He cares prize creation, and that he cares for the poor in spirit as much as He does those esteemed; He is in-terested in seeing the whole world saved from sin, and will bless those who humble themselves before Him.

We were thrilled to have as the General Executive Committee representative, the Reverend Houston R. Morehead, General Overseer of the Church of God. His inspiring messages pointed us to Christ the

Lord. In each of his evening messages he pointed to the fact that the Church is built on the Rock of the Church is built on the Rock of Ages, the lasting Rock, and not on material things, or even upon man. Jesus spoke of eternal things, as He spoke of establishing His Church, which is His choicest possession; it is not built upon man, not even the Apostle Peter. These thoughts will never be forgotten.

Our host pastor, the Reverend L. R. Gasaway, was on the job in pro-

R. Gasaway, was on the job in pro-R. Gasaway, was on the job in providing places to stay for the majority of those attending this conference. We all say a big "Thank you, Brother Gasaway, for the fine hospitality from you and your church."

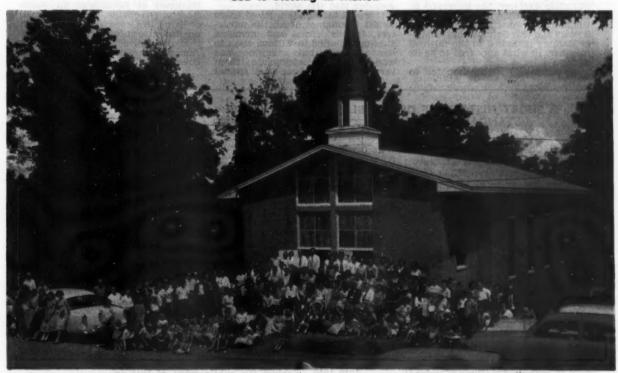
We returned to our homes with a greater zeal to spread the gospel flame, not only in our home churches, but also to the lost in the

next towns and cities.

—Walter C. Mauldin,

State Secretary-Treasurer

# God Is Blessing in Marion



The Mountain View Church of God, Marion, N. C., was organized in 1955 with 6 members in the home of Clyde Davis. The Rev. G. H. Grooms, Jr., was the pastor at that time. The church has now grown to 81 members and an average of \$400 per month tithes. The Sunday School average is 119.

The beautiful brick church which

is 32 x 70 has 8 Sunday School rooms, small auditorium, pastor's study, clerk's office, nursery, library and two rest rooms. The church is plastered.

The Rev. Paul Searcy was sent to Marion in July, 1955, and started to build the church. He was later sent to the missions field in NiThe Rev. S. A. Lankford accepted the church in May, 1956, and fin-ished building the beautiful brick church. The indebtedness on the church is only \$9,000. The value of the church is \$35,000. Brother Lankford and the good people of Marion are to be commended for their fine work.

—Reporter

# Church Reports Outstanding Progress

GREENVILLE, S. C .- The third Sunday in February was a great day for the people of the Laurens Road Church of God in Greenville, South Carolina. Almost 7 years ago this church was organized in the

Great progress has been made even though the past 2 years have been a struggle for us, worshipping in a concrete block basement and educational building with an in-debtedness of over \$5,000. The people had God, a vision and a determination to hold on to their lot and building, valued at \$25,000, believ-ing the Lord would help them somehow. Today their dreams were realized.

The ground and buildings were covered beautifully with the biggest snow Greenville had witnessed in years when we entered our new auditorium for the first worship service. We were honored to have B. Ramsey, bring the message for the morning worship service. It was 2 years ago this Sunday that Broth-er Ramsey preached to the faithful members in what appeared to be its darkest hour.

We were also highly honored to

have our general overseer, the Reverend Houston R. Morehead, with us for this occasion and to bring the dedicatory message in the afternoon service. Brother Morehead's life and ministry have been a real inspiration to us. He will never know what his presence on this day meant to all of us. Even though our nation was in the grip of one of the worst winters in its history and travel was quite hazar-dous, Brother and Sister Morehead kept their appointment at our little church. May God bless them for their efforts to be a blessing to others.

The presence of our overseers, our youth director, and their families, along with approximately 30 other visiting ministers and a church filled with members and friends, makes us more appreciative of the fellowship in the Church of God.

Our church building now valued at \$90,000 stands as a monument to the Church of God in this section of Greenville, South Carolina, America and the world.

It would take quite a lot of space to list the names of all the ministers, friends, firms and members that contributed in various ways to our building, but everyone was wonderful. We appreciate them very much and there is a special place in our hearts for each one. We shall not soon forget them.

Our new auditorium should ac-commodate between 600 and 700 people. We now have a pas-tor's study, nursery, assembly room a pas-12 classrooms, 2 rest rooms, and space in the basement for 2 more assembly rooms and 14 classrooms. Another wonderful thing about our building is that we owe a little less than \$21,000 on what we have done; almost \$5,000 of that amount went to pay off the indebtedness left on the few members 2 years ago. At the time of this writing we

are nearing the close of a really successful three-week revival with the Reverend G. W. Stalvey, of Wadesboro, North Carolina. A number have received definite experiences from God and have united with the Church. We are expecting others to unite with the Church tomorrow.

We desire the prayers of God's people all over America and the world for our continued success.

If you have relatives or friends stationed at Donaldson Air Force Base in Greenville, South Carolina, or living in Greenville, please write me and give information as to how I might contact them. Write to: James T. Shealy, 113 Webster Road, Greenville, South Carolina.

James T. Shealy, pastor

# A SHORT HISTORY OF OPEN BIBLE STANDARD CHURCHES

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Mitchell, Chairman; Frank W. Smith, Vice Chairman; G. H. Crooks, Secretary-Treasurer; O. Ralph Isbill, Missionary Secretary. The Open Bible Standard churches are grateful to God for His blessings and appreciate the fellowship with other Pentecostal groups attained through membership in the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.

Progress in	the Past	Twenty Yea	irs
	1937	1947	1957
U.S.A. Churches	45	151	264
Ministers	256	509	792
Missionaries Under			
Appointment	14	22	60
Missionary Receipts	\$8,416.82	\$63,081.00	\$164,801.00

Former General Chairmen who have served are

Fred Hornshuh, Sr. (Bible Standard) 1919-1930 1930-1937 Harry R. R. Neat (Bible Standard)

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## THE SUBTLE SIDE OF WORLDLINESS

(Continued from page 3)

tion. We may suppress certain outward manifestations, but not the cause. Only the blood of Christ can remove that. Sanctification—not the term or the theory, but the experience, the reality—is required to conquer worldliness. His holiness imputed to us in force and power will do it. The answer is holiness. Church membership may halt some habits but not the spirit of worldliness. Only holiness is sufficient.

Worldliness is as much a problem today as it has ever been. Its glaring side may be handled by laws and taboos and restrictions, but its subtle side may eat away our lives in the meantime. Only holiness can remove that. The Spirit of God is the only proof against the subtle spirit of this age.

(Continued next week)

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# Thirty Saved in Two Weeks

SOUTH CLEVELAND, Tenn. —
The Lord has really blessed the church here. The Reverend Wade H. Horton, Missions Field Representative, delivered the evening sermon for us on January 12. During that service the Spirit of the lord erms down in such a marvel. Lord came down in such a marvelous way that a revival began that night, with sinners running to the altar and God working with every-one present. Brother Horton continued preaching for six nights before he was forced to leave us for other appointments. God impressed our pastor, Brother W. M. Wood, that the revival should continue, and he asked Brother R. C. Muncy to begin when Brother Horton had to leave. God continued to bless and in 2 weeks 30 were saved, 28 were sanctified and 24 were filled with the Holy Ghost. Three have al-ready joined the Church, and there are several others preparing to join. Pray for us that God will continue to bless us, and give us a great harvest of souls.

—Mrs. T. L. Frazier, reporter

# Many Saved in Palmer Revival

PALMER, Tenn.—Thirty-three were saved, 18 sanctified, 16 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 26 united with the Church in a revival at the Palmer Church of God. Brother R. B. Caldwell is the evangelist. Brother Winslow Davenport is our pastor. The revival will continue on through the simultaneous revival. -Reporter

**Evangelist Reports 105 Souls** Saved During Three Revivals

DETROIT, Mich.—We have just closed a successful revival with Brother Henry Robertson, pastor at the Trumbull Avenue Church of God. This was our third revival at this church. Thirty-one were saved, 7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost. In my first revival 38 were saved, in the second 36 were saved, making a total of 105 souls saved in the three revivals, thanks be unto God. I am 71 years old today and God gave me

a soul for every day of my birth month. He is a wonderful God; He has been my healer for 37 years. I am still ready to go anywhere He wants me to go. My address is: 420 S. E. 4th St., Pryor, Oklahoma. —Rev. Joel Stamper, evangelist

**Outstanding Healings During** 

CLIFTON, Ariz.—The Church of God in Clifton had a revival meeting starting January 12 and continuing through the 26th. It was well attended every night. During this time the Lord blessed us in a mighty way. People got happy and danced in the Spirit. One night we had a Jericho march. Four were saved, 6 sanctified, and 6 filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were healed of sicknesses. The highest attendance of the sicknesses. ance was 76, with an average of 40.

We plan another revival starting in April. Before the revival started we were having cottage prayer meetings. We were blessed by the Lord in them, also. We are continuing our prayer meetings every Friday night. We are beginning to work with the Indians at Tent City. People are again looking toward the Church of God in Clifton for spiritual blessings.

-Marie Hicks, reporter

Church Blessed by Inspiring Messages

FOUR OAKS, N. C.—We have just closed a revival at the Four Oaks Church of God. We praise God for the wonderful revival. Ten were saved, 7 sanctified, and 8 filled with the precious Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed with the inspiring messages of the Reverend D. M. Hancock of East Spencer, North Carolina. We highly recommend him to any church. —Rev. Lawrence W. Pounds, pastor

Good Attendance in Spite of **Bad Weather** 

CLOSPLINT, Ky.—Twenty-six were saved, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water and 6 added to the Church in a wonder-

ful revival that continued for three weeks at the Closplint Church of God. Brother Udell Richardson did the preaching, and the Lord was with him each night; Brother Udell seemed to have his full heart in it. This was the greatest revival the Closplint Church has had in several years. In spite of all the bad weather we were faced with, we had good crowds each night. Conviction was greater than we had ever experienced. We highly recommend Brother Richardson to any church in need of a revival. His singing is standing. We are doing a wonderful, his preaching is outstanding. We are doing a wonderful work under our good pastor, Brother Levi McGeorge, who does not compromise the real gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Church reporter

A Great Revival Spirit Prevails

SURRENCY, Ga .- We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Zion. Sister Mary Hampton from Graham, Georgia, was the evange-list. Three were saved, 2 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were encouraged and drawn nearer to the Lord.

Sister Hampton did some deep spiritual preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Each night people in the audience were wiping tears as conviction seized their hearts. A great revival spirit prevailed throughout the entire meeting, for which we are thank-

We are having a 2:30 prayer meeting each day and praying that God will continue to save souls. One was sanctified in our service last Sunday night and 3 were added to the Church.

We appreciate our good pastor and wife, the Reverend and Mrs. O. V. Brown, who worked faithfully through the revival, although they were sick. Pray for us at Zion.

—Vannie O'Quinn, reporter

Seeker for 25 Years Filled With Holy Ghost

BIG TIMBER, Mont.—We are praising the Lord for the great revival we had here in Big Timber. The evangelist was the Reverend Dave Barsness, pastor of our work the Helen The abuseh and it was in Helena. The church said it was the greatest revival they have experienced in a long time. Brother Oscar Vik who had been seeking the Holy Ghost for over 25 years was filled. Many of the Christians were revived:

Pray for us here in the North-west that we may have a revival in which many souls will be born into the kingdom of God.
—Paul Seagraves, pastor



# Two Thirds of U.S. Adults Claim to Be Protestants

Two out of three adult Americans class themselves as Protestants and one in four as Roman Catholic, according to a recent report by the Census Bureau in Washington. The report was based on a sample survey made by the Bureau last March, before it was decided that a question on religion would not be included in the 1960 census. The completely voluntary tabulation indicated that 96 per cent of Americans of age 14 and older had a religion, 3 per cent had none, and 1 per cent gave no report. Some 79,-000,000 persons regard themselves as Protestant, 30,700,000 as Roman Catholic, 3,900,000 as Jewish, 1,500,-000 as having some other religion, and 3,200,000 as having no religion, the report revealed.

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Among the Protestants, 23,500,-000 consider themselves Baptists, 16,700,000 Methodists, 8,400,000 Lutherans, and 6,700,000 Presbyterians. The 23,700,000 other Protestants of 14 and over "were distributed among many smaller denominations," the Bureau said, and were not shown separately in the report.

report.

Dr. Lewi Petrus, who is pastor of the famous Philadelphia Church, Stockholm, Sweden, will be the speaker at the Sunday morning communion service of the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, which will convene in the Canadian National Exhibition Park, Toronto, Canada, September 14-21.

Delegates from more than 30 countries will attend. Choirs in national costumes will be heard at various services. Plans are being made for an attendance of more than 30,000 on the closing Sunday afternoon when the world evangel-ism rally will be held in the C.N.E. Grandstand Stadium.

The 74-year-old Swedish cleric is pastor of what is believed to be the largest Protestant church on the continent of Europe. Organized in 1910 with 29 members, the Philadelphia Church now has an adult voting membership of 7,000 and has a major responsibility in the sup-port of 400 overseas missionaries. The church edifice seats more than 4,000.

Not confining his interests to strictly evangelical activities, this cleric, who is a typical quiet, dignified, unhurried Swede, has occupied himself with the social, economic, intellectual and political life of his country and his fellow Christians throughout the world, and in publishing and radio in particular.

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In 1916 he initiated the publication of Evangelii Harold (Gospel Herald), a religious weekly with a circulation of 60,000. In 1945 in collaboration with Karl Ottoson, a Swedish industrialist, he founded Dagen (The Day), a daily secular newspaper which currently has a circulation of 25,000 and is sold on the newsstands throughout Sweden. the newsstands throughout Sweden.

Believing that Christians should Believing that Christians should control their own economic welfare as well as church life, in 1952 Dr. Petrus led his colleagues in establishing a saving and credit bank, which in turn helps to finance sound church undertakings.

In 1955 the pastor-statesman had the distinction of winning a moral victory over the socialist govern-ment that has held power in Sweden since World War I. The Social-Democrats, a slightly left-of-center political party, while allowing com-petition and a degree of private enterprise in some areas, has rigidly imposed a state-controlled radio system on Sweden in which no pri-vate radio stations are allowed. Not only does it control the technical aspects, such as wave lengths, but reserves the right to censor content in the religious field.

Notwithstanding the fact that

the Pentecostals are the largest nonconformist group in the country—second only to the State church—the state radio limited the entire Pentecostal community to three broadcasts per year, and in-sisted on censoring out Biblical supernaturalism.

When after several years of negotiation it was impossible to se-cure remedial action, Dr. Petrus took steps to organize the IBRA radio station in Tangier, North Africa. After the groundwork was Africa. After the groundwork was completed, equipment and franchise acquired, the Swedish socialist government tried to block the Tangler radio station by forbidding the Swedish Pentecostal people the right to export \$40,000 raised for this purpose.

The issue broke in the Swedish Parliament, where the governmental action was the subject of sharp

tal action was the subject of sharp debate for three days. Members of both opposition parties (Conserva-tive and Liberal) charged that in view of the hundreds of thousands of dollars which the government allowed to be exported every year allowed to be exported every year for pornographic literature, allegedly without any restrictions, they claimed the refusal to let church people export their money for a missionary radio station was the rankest of religious discrimination and the denial of the right of free speech. Finally, Prime Minister Tag Erlander sent for Dr. ister Tag Erlander sent for Dr. Petrus in effort to find a face-saving solution. The IBRA radio station now broadcasts on three wave lengths, 5 hours a day, with more than 150 million known lismore than 150 million known is-teners. Now the Swedish govern-ment boasts that it has a "dual" radio system, pointing to IBRA as its second outlet! IBRA's radio programs appear in 225 daily papers throughout Sweden, along the pro-

gram listings of the state radio.
Of late, Pastor Petrus has been active in the problems of Stockholm's 17,000 alcoholics and the election of committed Christians to the Swedish Parliament on a nonpartisan basis, crossing both party lines and church membership. In this he has been closely allied to clerical and lay members of the State church and the Salvation

Army.

# Saint Christopher and the Vanguard

Last March 17 the Vanguard missile roared off into the blue from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and soon its satellite was declared to be in orbit. When it was clearly a success newspapers were notified by a spokesman for the Martin Company, which developed the missile, that an image of St. Christopher had gone along for the ride. Chris-topher is the patron saint of travelers, and a faithful Roman Catholic would likely tell you that the medal was responsible for the suc-

cess of the project.

In Washington, a Navy spokes-man said that the addition of the medal was entirely the project of the Martin Company, although he admitted that it had the approval of a Navy official at the launching site. No approval from Washington was considered necessary.
The idea was originated by F. Paul
Lipinski, an engineer with the
Martin Company at Cape Canaveral

In Baltimore, a spokesman for the Martin Company emphasized that the medal could not have gone aboard the Vanguard without Navy approval, and that the approval had come from a Protestant. Other company engineers signing the authorization included Catholic, Protestant, Jew and Greek Orthodox. The necessary papers, giving "addition of divine guidance" as the reason, were signed one week before the launching, and the med-al was attached at that time.

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Will similar medals be attached
to subsequent missiles? No, the
Navy man said, not unless the company decides to do it over again.
The Martin official agreed that the
answer would be "no"—unless the
Navy decided to give the approval
again again.

Both men declared that similar medals had not been attached to previous missiles which had been

unsuccessful.

"Was there any feeling that the satellite success was due to the medal?" we asked. No comment. "No one factor was responsible for the success," the other man said, but he thought it might have helped.

# Report Shows 71,000 Israel **Immigrants Last Year**

Israel received more than 71,000 Israel received more than 71,000 Jewish immigrants from all parts of the world in 1957, officials reported recently. Included in the total were about 30,600 from Poland, 13,000 from Egypt, 12,000 from elsewhere in North Africa, 7.400 Hungary, 1,400 from the Soviet Union, 960 from South Africa, 188 from Britain, 180 from the United States, 75 from South Africa, 6 from Ireland and 1 each from Norway and Aden. way and Aden.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The city of Atlanta hereafter will expect churches to pay their tax bills in full. Formerly it was the custom to let churches settle their tax bills for street improvements by paying one-quarter of the assessed amount. Now the city's legal de-

partment says Atlanta can't allow the 75 per cent reduction any more. The city will gain about \$30,000 a year at the expense of the church-

# **Annual National Family** Week Slated for May 4-11

National Family Week, sponsored annually by the National Sunday School Association, will be observed across the nation May 4-11. The theme this year will be "Put Christ in His Future . . . NOW!" and is designed to emphasize the imperative of establishing strong Chris tive of establishing strong Christian homes now to insure the future of our children and our na-

Announcing the theme for this year, Clate A. Risley, Executive Secretary of the National Sunday School Association, declared: "Sunday School and church must be a family affair if the church is to make an impact upon the home life of America. If this is to be done the churches must become more concerned with the families of their neighborhood. This is the reason NSSA sponsors National Family Week each year."

In West Germany, the capital city of Bonn, once almost entirely Roman Catholic, is now about evenly divided between Protestants and Catholics, according to recent school statistics. Influx of refugees School Association, declared: "Sun-

school statistics. Influx of refugees and government workers has brought about the change, the reports said. To meet increased needs ports said. To meet increased needs for schools for Protestant children, the city is constructing two new schools and planning a third in the next year. In the elementary schools, 27 per cent of the pupils are Protestant. In the city's seven higher schools, from 50 to 80 per cent of the pupils are Protestant.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Communist agents are being trained for anti-missionary work throughout the world, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop James H. Griffiths of New York said recently. Rus-sia's program to undermine the work of Christian missionaries has increased in tempo, the prelate said. Several hundred Africans completed a course in Moscow in 1956 designed to prepare agents to counteract Christian influences in various parts of Africa, and Yugoslavia has opened a center to train counter—missionaries for that councounter-missionaries for that country, he said.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—The Reverend Oswald J. Smith of To-ronto, Canada, is preaching in Buenos Aires after conducting three crusades in Brazil and one in Uruguay. There was a total at-tendance of 66,000 in the first four

crusades, with 1,171 making first-time "decisions for Christ." Crowds time "decisions for Christ." Crowds at Buenos Aires are the biggest yet, averaging 15,000 each night and 25,000 on Sundays. Over 300 step out to make "first-time decisions" every night. Dr.. Smith writes: "The Buenos Aires Campaign is the greatest movement of the Spirit of God that I have witnessed in the 50 years of my ministry." istry.'

# Poll Finds 'Old-Time Religion' in Modern Majority

Almost three out of every four Protestant ministers classify themselves as "conservative" or "fundamentalist," according to a recent poll conducted by Opinion Research Corp. of Princeton, New Jersey, for Christianity Today magazine. azine.

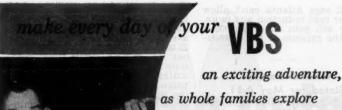
The figures were based on in-terviews conducted with ministers last October and November. According to the findings, 30% of American Protestant clergymen say they are "conservative" in their theological position, while anonther 35% consider themselves "fundamentalist." The survey showed 14% of in-terviewed ministers in the "liberal" category and the remaining 12% "neo-orthodox."

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Of the ministers interviewed, 33% said it is not essential to preach and teach the doctrine that the Bible is verbally inspired by God in original writing. Nevertheless, the large majority of these clergy-men said that on the whole they accept most of the basic tenets as follow: God as creator of man, literal resurrection of Christ, Christ as Saviour and Lord, one sovereign God, Bible as the authoritative rule, Christ as the Son of God, Bible verbally inspired by God in original writings, virgin birth of Christ, vicarious substitutionary atonement of Christ, literal return or "second coming" of Christ, unity of all believers in Christ.

The survey found 89% of all clergymen in favor of teaching and preaching the doctrine of the unique deity of Christ as Son of God.

Some 27% felt that working for organic church unity is a "very important" task of the church.



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